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God, Prayer, and What's Between the Lines

with Rabbi Camille Shira Angel
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Wednesday, January 21, 7 - 9 pm

Learn the basics and secrets about Jewish ways of believing in and reaching out to God. What is the Jewish purpose of prayer books and services? Why go? What if "it's boring"? What if "I'm not sure I believe"?

This one-time class is free to members, \$12 for non-members.

Talmud for Busy People

Friday, January 23, 2003

12 Noon - 1:00 pm

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Have you always been interested in exploring the 'Oral Torah,' but found that because of work and personal commitments, you just don't have the time? Well not to fear! We are bringing the Talmud to you! Join Rabbi Camille Shira Angel monthly for lunch and dialogue (you've gotta eat, right?).

This exciting monthly opportunity will provide an introduction to the study of Talmud from a liberal perspective. We will explore fascinating passages that deal with defining the rights of the individual, specifically focusing on the modern day ethical questions that face us as Jews.

These sessions are open to Sha'ar Zahav members and their guests. All are welcome. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Melanie Kushnir (415 861-6932 x305) or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org.

Sha'ar Zahav Rainbow Fund 5764 to Launch in January

The Rainbow Fund 5764 is Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's new annual appeal to our members and friends. This appeal adds a new ingredient to the mix of financial strategies that sustain our vibrant synagogue and Jewish community. As reported in CSZ President Arthur Slepian's letter to you in November, our current level of dues and donations do not achieve the funding needed to sustain the ambitious calendar of events and programs we've developed.

Based on a critical review of both income and expenses, the fundraising committee was asked to develop new ways of supporting community life at Sha'ar Zahav. Our Annual Rainbow Fund is one ingredient in our plan to improve the long-term financial health and overall well being for our congregation this year and into the future.

Over the past several years Sha'ar Zahav has moved into a beautiful new building that is now full of life and activity almost every day of the year. On any given day it is brimming with classes, worship, meetings and study. Congregants study in the library, sing together in our sanctuary,

share meals and catch up in our oneg room. The hallways ring with the voices of children. We are not the same community we were 25 years ago, but our mission today is more vital than ever. Each of us must act now to ensure that we have the financial resources needed to support the programming, education and staff that make Sha'ar Zahav such a vibrant community.

Your gift to the Rainbow Fund 5764 will:

- Sustain our active Kehillah Kedushah -Holy Community.
- Support innovative learning for adults and children.
- Maintain Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's historic voice.

Our synagogue needs members to be daveners, doers, and donors. During the months of January and February, we will be asking you to fulfill the mitzvah of supporting your congregation by becoming a Rainbow Fund donor. Help us to sustain the very special community that is Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Music in the Mishkan Begins



Music in the Mishkan opens its fifth season on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at 4 pm with a program entitled *Piano and Strings*. CSZ member and violinist Randy Weiss will be joined by his friends Gwendolyn Mok (pianist), Natalia Vershilova (violist) and Victoria Ehrlich (cellist).

The program offers something for every musical taste. It opens with French composer Gabriel Fauré's exciting *Piano Quartet in C Minor* and continues with Jewish Czech composer Gideon Klein's haunting *Duo for Violin and Cello*. The program ends with Johannes Brahms'

Piano Quartet in A Major, a masterpiece of the Romantic Era.

As usual, Randy promises that he and his friends will offer entertaining and informative commentary about the music. A wine and beverage reception will follow the concert.

For tickets, please fill out the order form that you will receive by mail, or contact CSZ Program Director Melanie Kushnir 415/861-6932 ext. 305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org

Mark your calendars and we will see you on February 15!

Rabbi's Column

Does Prayer Make a Difference?

God, Prayer and What's Between the Lines

I have always found prayer difficult. So often it seems like a fruitless game of hide-and-seek where we seek and God hides... Yet I cannot leave prayer alone for long. My need drives me to God. And I have a feeling that God has reasons for hiding, and that finally all my seeking will prove infinitely worthwhile. And I am not sure what I mean by "finding." Some days my very seeking seems like a kind of "finding." And of course, if "finding" means the end of "seeking," it were better to go on seeking.

From *Gates of Prayer*

Over the years, I have come to know several different siddurim intimately. I grew up with the *Union Prayerbook* and knew it's translations by heart. I appreciated the choices offered by the big, blue *Gates of Prayer*. And I especially appreciated the gender-neutral version which was published prior to my ordination and which I used for the first five years of my rabbinate. Among my favorite prayerful readings, found in all three of these books, has always been the one above. When I read it as a meditation, it helps me to remember that I am not alone in my uncertainties. I feel as though I've been granted permission to be part of the encounter, even with all my doubts. I can be vulnerable and at the same time grateful.

In these last months with both my mother and Karen's mother being ill, I have been ever aware of how much difference prayer can make. And I've become aware of how varied prayer can be... A loaf of homemade baked bread, for instance, is a prayer; a phone call conveying hopes and kind wishes can be a prayer. Knowing that people we barely know are directing their healing thoughts and energy towards our loved ones makes us feel close to Compassion and Loving-kindness, two Divine manifestations.



Prayer can be spontaneous and it can be premeditated. It can fall out of our mouths like a curse, as in "Damn it!", but just as succinctly a blessing, "Thank you!" Everyday, everywhere we go,

we carry with us the possibility of prayer – of soulful, heartfelt connection with one another, with God.

Jewish prayer does not depend upon the prayerbook, and yet knowing what the traditional siddur contains, which is much more than just prayers in the ordinary sense of the word, can help us get more out of our Jewish prayer practice. Later this month, on the evening of Wednesday, January 21, I will be teaching a two-hour session on making prayer more meaningful.

I, myself, did not really know how to pray until I was privileged to study with a master prayer teacher, Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman, the spiritual leader of the Jerusalem Reform Synagogue, Kehillat Kol HaNeshama. His techniques and personal suggestions opened up a world of prayer possibility.

Our Kabbalat Shabbat Sha'ar Zahav Siddur is at once traditional and radical. It represents a gorgeous and compelling synthesis of our highest values. I encourage you to reread the Summary of Guiding Principles found in the last pages of the siddur. To me, its very articulation is a prayer. It tells our story. It demonstrates our unique contribution and one day, please God, we will do well to publish it and make our legacy available.

Come and learn some basics and secrets about Jewish ways of believing in and reaching out to God. What's the Jewish purpose for prayerbooks and services? Why go? What if "it's boring"? What if "I'm not sure I believe"? I hope you'll join me for what promises to be a lively exchange of ideas.



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Transitions

The end of December marked the conclusion of Jay Miller's six months with us as Interim Executive Director. I want to thank Jay for all of his efforts during this time. The leadership of CSZ has benefited from Jay's advice and counsel in a variety of important areas.

When Jay joined us, we knew that his stay here would be a brief one. At the time, we imagined that near the end of his stay we would resume our search for a permanent Executive Director who would start early in 2004. We have now decided, for budgetary reasons, not to reopen that search, and the Executive Director position will remain unfilled at least through June, potentially longer. The Personnel Committee, the Officers and the Va'ad all continue to be strongly committed to the idea that CSZ needs an Executive Director. We are also acutely aware that we cannot afford to fill the position at this time.

This decision has consequences. In 2004, we will be operating with a professional staff that is smaller than what we have had for several years. While we are rightfully proud of our traditions of lay leadership and volunteerism, we need also to acknowledge the enormous role played by our professional staff. The administrative effort needed to keep our congregation running is significant. And from an education and programming perspective, very little happens at Sha'ar Zahav without some involvement, often a sizable one, by our staff. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated and committed staff, and we are proud of them as well.

Beginning in January, Steven Angelides will be stepping into the role of Office Manager, and he will be taking on a variety of new administrative responsibilities. We are fortunate to have someone of Steven's caliber on staff to take on this new role. And while Steven's role will be affected the most, he is not the only person on



staff whose role will see some change. To make this transition work, all of our outstanding staff, Gabby Volodarsky, Sue Bojdak, Melanie Kushnir, and Rabbi Angel, will need to play a part. As I write this, many of the details remain to be worked out, but I am confident that our staff has the skill and flexibility to make this work.

Here are some important ways in which you can be of help:

Be patient. When you call the synagogue to ask a question, make a request or leave a message, it may take a bit longer for someone to get back to you. (Of course, calls regarding the loss of loved ones or medical emergencies will be responded to with the appropriate urgency.)

Adjust your expectations. With a smaller staff, the roles and responsibilities of all the remaining staff, including the rabbi, will need to be restructured a bit to allow the synagogue to keep functioning smoothly. Everyone on staff will likely be a little less available to do the things we have come to expect.

Volunteer. You will likely see notices in the weekly e-mail or other communications asking for volunteers to come on specific days or evenings to work on special projects: stuffing envelopes, preparing for events, greeting or monitoring the door.

Contribute financially. Read the material in this issue of the *JGF* about the Rainbow Fund, our new annual campaign. And when you are called upon, give generously.

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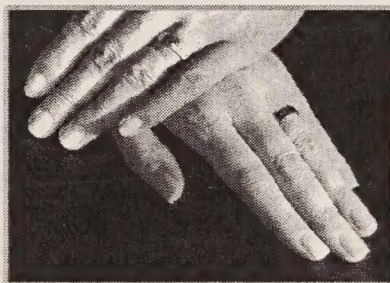
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CSZ First Friday Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 6, 6:30-8:00 pm

Come celebrate Shabbat with other members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav on the first Friday in February at 6:30 pm in the oneg room. You, your family and friends are invited to participate in the first-ever synagogue-wide potluck Shabbat dinner at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. We welcome and encourage you to bring your favorite salads, main courses, side dishes and desserts for mutual sharing at the Shabbat table, as our community gathers to celebrate the joyous beginning of Shabbat. Remember that Shabbat services do not begin until 8:15 pm on the first Friday of the month, so that we will have plenty of time to socialize and enjoy an unhurried meal.

This is the first time that we have held a congregation-wide Shabbat dinner within recent memory. Your Keshet committee is always looking for ways to bring newer members together with seasoned members to enjoy each other's company, and to become acquainted with our community.

We would appreciate your letting the synagogue office know if you are attending so that we can set up the oneg room to accommodate all who participate in this wonderful Shabbat dinner. RSVP 415 861-6932 or Joel at jspringerIII@msn.com.

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

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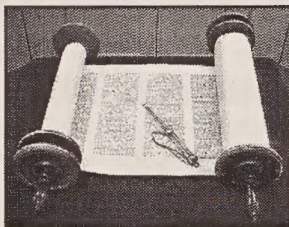
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Children and Family Corner



Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, January 9, 6:15 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families and then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck; please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. Be a part of the *ruach* (spirit) of our community and invite friends and family to join you. Shabbat Shalom!

Young children age 2-7 are especially encouraged to join the Junior Junior Choir at services that evening. A brief practice session will follow dinner.

Baby Chavurah

Sunday, January 11, 10 am to noon

Bring those under-tuos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, play-time and socializing. This month we meet at the synagogue. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish. Older siblings are welcome, as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 24,
10:30 - 11:30 am

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2- to 5-year-olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

Kadimah Class

Spotlight: Kitah Bet

In their journey to understanding *Tikkun Olam*, Repair of the World, the 7- and 8-year olds of Kitah Bet study Jewish values and *mitzvot*, beginning with the self and reaching outward to the world. Under the guidance of teacher Kendra Lubalin, Kitah Bet students move from *Shmirat Ha'Guf*, Guarding the Body, to *Rodef Shalom*, Pursuing Peace. They are led on an extraordinary journey of empowerment teaching them that they are both equally

capable and equally responsible, as Jews, to brush their teeth and to support world peace. Along the way, Kendra repeatedly invites them into the communal Jewish task of *Tikkun Olam*, asking her students what a 7- or 8-year-old child can do to move our mission forward and then make it happen right now.

Recently, Kitah Bet was studying *Kavod Av v'Ma*, Honoring the Parents. Students agreed that one way to honor your parents is to bless them, as parents bless their children each *Erev Shabbat*. After studying the blessing over children, each student offered up a blessing or blessings they may want for their parents. You can see the beautiful and sometimes funny result on display in the oneg room and read in the box below.

Blessing for Our Parents by Kitah Bet

May God give you good health.

May God give you healthy food to eat
and take care of your bodies.

May you have a good job and
enough time.

May you remember to give tzedakah
and have time to listen to me read.

I hope your life is not boring.

May you be blessed with enough sleep
and hugs and kisses.

I hope you have a good day.

I hope you have love and
get to keep all your things.

I will respect your things.

I will listen to you and help you and
play with you.

May none of your kids run away.

May God grant you respect, peace,
a new baby, nice things, and
fun things to do.

May you be blessed with enough
money, and may you spend time
with your children and keep them safe.

CSZ Youth Group

Happenings:

Dinner & Discussion

Sunday, January 11, 6-9 pm

Outing – Saturday, January 24, 1-4 pm

Kick it with other CSZ youth. On January 11, meet at the synagogue, walk to dinner and talk about things that really matter. On January 24, hang out on the town, have fun and be Jewish together. The youth group meets twice a month, once for dinner and discussion and once to go out and play. All events require youth to pay their own way. Contact Sue for a schedule of events and the details of this month's happenings.

In Appreciation of Jen Levinson

CSZ says farewell and thank you to Kadimah teacher Jen Levinson. After seven and half years of extraordinary teaching in our school, Jen is leaving us to focus her energies on the completion of her Masters in Education degree. Jen has made an important impact on the lives of many young people during her tenure. Jen will be missed.

Bnei Mitzvah Reminder

Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Halloran-Couch is February 14.

Kadimah resumes after
winter holiday on January 10.
There is NO KADIMAH – January 17.

Contact Sue Bojdak,
Director of Family and
Children's Education,
(415/861-6932 x302 or
educator@shaarzahav.org)
for more information
about any of these programs
or to RSVP.

January 2004

Tevet/Shevat 5764

February Deadline: Monday, January 5, 5pm

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CSZ Honored at Circles of Hope

On November 15, CSZ was honored at the Metropolitan Community Foundation's fourth annual Circles of Hope awards banquet and fundraiser, along with Harvey Milk and other individuals and organizations who have contributed to the LGBT community over the past 25 years. Rabbi Angel accepted the award on behalf of CSZ, telling the crowd, "I feel like I'm the luckiest rabbi in the world." Other honorees included the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, The San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Marching Band, Theater Rhinoceros, Olivia and designer of the rainbow flag, Gilbert Baker.

The event included a silent auction, a live auction, entertainment and good food. We saw a film about the social action work supported by the Metropolitan Community Foundation, including providing showers and food for the homeless. We were reminded that by working to support LGBT rights, by working to end poverty, homelessness and hopelessness, we were part of Supervisor Milk's legacy. All in all, it was a fun and inspiring evening.

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Social Action Connection



by Susan Lubeck, co-chair

Join CSZ for Community Tree Planting

Join us in celebrating Tu Bishvat on Saturday February 7, from 10 am-12 noon for services and tree planting in Bernal Heights. Look for more specific information in the coming weeks. Or contact ajs-parkles@mac.com for more information.

Dinner with Homeless Neighbors Every Wednesday

You can support and connect with homeless San Franciscans. Join us at Most Holy Redeemer in the Castro. Show up any time between 3 pm and 9 pm to join a dedicated and inspiring community of people and make connections with homeless neighbors. On arrival, look for Larry Wong of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. For more information, contact ajsparkles@mac.com.

Honduras Recovery Project with the American Jewish World Service

Interested in helping organize a mind- and heart-opening trip to Honduras to help with health care and flood recovery? We now have two people interested in working on this, but a point person is needed to help us gauge interest and take it from there.

For more information, contact
susanlubeck@aol.com.

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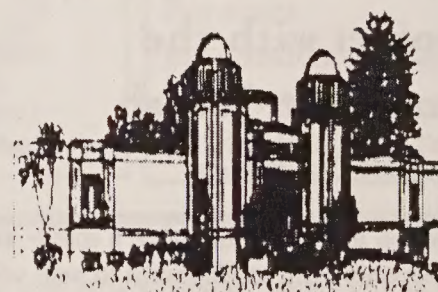
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Mark Oliver and Steve Polsky, on the
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Polsky during Shabbat services on
Friday, November 21.

Deirdre and Lisa Bernard-Pearl, on the
naming of their sons, Kai and Joshua
Bernard Pearl during Shabbat services
on Saturday, November 22.

Will Garcia and Avi Goldberg, on the
naming of their son, Shai Garrett
Garcia-Goldberg during Shabbat serv-
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Patricia Lin, who was invited by the
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